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SUBJECT: GOC CLARIFICATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATHS

AMCITS TERUGGI AND HORMAN

1. THERE IS CONTINUED STRONG CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC
INTEREST IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE TERUGGI AND
HORMAN DEATHS AND IN THE RESULTS OF THE PROMISED GOC
INVESTIGATION. INTERESTED PARTIES AND PRESS HERE ARE
DWELLING ON FACTUAL DISCREPANCIES IN BOTH CASES AND RAISING
NEW QUESTIONS, ALL IMPLYING OFFICIAL CHILEAN INVOLVEMENT IN
THESE DEATHS.

2. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED THAT GOC REPORT ON INVESTIGA-
TION, ASSUMING ONE IS ISSUED, MAY BE PRO FORMA AT BEST.
SUCH REPORT WOULD BE WIDELY CONDEMNED BY NUMEROUS INTERESTED
CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER PARTIES AS UNRESPONSIVE AND INDICA-
TIVE OF OFFICIAL "COVER-UP".

3. EMBASSY THEREFORE SHOULD SEEK TO CONVEY TO THE GOC
IMPORTANCE OF A SPEEDY AND SUBSTANTIVE REPORT ON ITS
INVESTIGATION WHICH ADDRESSES FOLLOWING POINTS:

4. TERUGGI CASE:

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A. TERUGGI WAS ARRESTED IN HIS HOME SEPTEMBER 20,
ACCORDING TO HIS ROOMMATE WHO WAS DETAINED AT SAME TIME;

THEREFORE GOC STATEMENT THAT HE WAS ARRESTED FOR "CURFEW
VIOLATION" IS INCONGRUOUS. WHY AND WHERE WAS HE ACTUALLY
ARRESTED?

B. TERUGGI'S ROOMMATE STATES FORMER WAS LED AWAY FROM
FELLOW PRISONERS IN NATIONAL STADIUM AT 1800 HOURS
SEPTEMBER 21. IS THIS TRUE? WHERE WAS HE TAKEN AND FOR
WHAT PURPOSE?

C. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED SEPTEMBER 24 (BY FONOFF
LIAISON OFFICER) AND DEPARTMENT WAS SEPARATELY INFORMED
SEPTEMBER 25 (BY CHILEAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON) THAT
TERUGGI HAD BEEN DETAINED SEPTEMBER 20 AND WAS BEING HELD
AT NATIONAL STADIUM. WHY WAS NEITHER EMBASSY NOR DEPART-
MENT TOLD THEN THAT TERUGGI HAD BEEN RELEASED SEPTEMBER
21? WHY WAS NO U.S. AUTHORITY INFORMED OF HIS RELEASE
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 27, FIVE DAYS AFTER BODY, SUBSEQUENTLY
IDENTIFIED AS TERUGGI, WAS BROUGHT TO MORGUE?

D. AT WHAT HOUR AND AT WHAT LOCATION WAS TERUGGI
RELEASED FROM CUSTODY? IT IS ALLEGED THAT HE WAS
RELEASED AT NIGHT DURING CURFEW, THUS DELIBERATELY EXPOS-
ING HIM TO PATROLS.

E. WAS TERUGGI ISSUED A SALVO CONDUCTA OR FURNISHED
AN ESCORT FROM CUSTODY?

F. SINCE TWO AMERICAN DETAINEES RELEASED SEPTEMBER
21 FROM NATIONAL STADIUM WERE REQUIRED TO SIGN STATEMENTS
THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN MISTREATED, WAS THIS REQUIREMENT
ALSO MADE OF TERUGGI BEFORE HIS RELEASE THE SAME DAY?
IF SO, WHERE IS STATEMENT HE SIGNED?

G. AT WHAT TIME, AT WHAT LOCATION, AND BY WHOM WAS
TERUGGI'S BODY FOUND?

H. HAVE EFFORTS BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND OR
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EYEWITNESS REPORTS OF THE SHOOTING OF TERUGGI? IF SO,
WHAT IS SUBSTANCE OF THESE REPORTS?

I. WAS BALLISTICS REPORT PREPARED (AS EMBASSY
INFORMALLY REQUESTED EARLIER)? IF SO, EMBASSY SHOULD
REQUEST COPY OF REPORT. HAVE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES DRAWN
ANY MEANINGFUL CONCLUSIONS FROM BALLISTICS REPORT AS TO
TYPE OF WEAPON OR WEAPONS USED TO SHOOT TERUGGI AND FROM

WHAT RANGE AND DIRECTION?

J. DID TERUGGI HAVE WITH HIM HIS CHILEAN I.D. CARD

AND OTHER PERSONAL DOCUMENTATION, E.G., PASSPORT, WHEN HE WAS DETAINED? WHEN HE WAS RELEASED? WERE ANY DOCUMENTS FOUND WITH HIS BODY OR ELSEWHERE?

K. HAVE TERUGGI'S CAMERA EQUIPMENT OR ANY OTHER IDENTIFIABLE PERSONAL EFFECTS BEEN RECOVERED?

5. HORMAN CASE:

A. HAVE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHED THE IDENTITY OF UNIFORMED MEN WHO, BY EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS, TOOK HORMAN FROM HIS HOME AT APPROXIMATELY 1700 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 17?

B. HAVE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES TRACED TRUCK IN WHICH, BY EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS, HORMAN WAS DRIVEN AWAY FROM HIS HOME AROUND 1700 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 17? CAN GOC VERIFY REPORT THAT SAME TRUCK WAS SEEN ENTERING NATIONAL STADIUM SHORTLY THEREAFTER?

C. HAVE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES ESTABLISHED IDENTIFY OF PERSONS, WHO ACCORDING TO VARIOUS FRIENDS OF HORMAN, TELEPHONED THEM ON SEPTEMBER 18, CLAIMED TO BE "MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS," AND INQUIRED WHETHER HORMAN WAS AN "EXTREMIST"?

D. AT APPROXIMATELY WHAT HOUR, AT WHAT LOCATION, AND BY WHOM WAS HORMAN'S BODY FOUND?

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E. HAVE EFFORTS BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND OR EYEWITNESS REPORTS OF SHOOTING OF HORMAN? IF SO, WHAT IS SUBSTANCE THESE REPORTS?

F. WAS BALLISTICS REPORT PREPARED? IF SO, CAN COPY OF REPORT BE MADE AVAILABLE? IF REPORT EXISTS, HAVE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES DRAWN ANY CONCLUSIONS AS TO TYPE OF WEAPON USED TO SHOOT HORMAN AND FROM WHAT RANGE AND DIRECTION?

G. WERE ANY DOCUMENTS FOUND WITH BODY OR SUBSEQUENTLY?

H. HAVE HORMAN'S CAMERA OR ANY OTHER IDENTIFIABLE

PERSONAL EFFECTS BEEN RECOVERED?

I. HOW DOES GOC ACCOUNT FOR MONTH-LONG DELAY IN
IDENTIFICATION OF HORMAN'S BODY FROM FINGERPRINTS WHICH
WERE ON HAND?

J. HOW DOES GOC ACCOUNT FOR FONMIN'S NOTE OF
OCTOBER 3, SINCE DISAVOWED, REPORTING HORMAN'S DETENTION
AND SUBSEQUENT RELEASE?

6. IN ITS NOTE TO FONMIN, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO REPHRASE
QUESTIONS AND POSSIBLY ADD OTHERS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE. RUSH

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